

MTA-5009

1 September 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- August 1985

I. GENERAL

Bureau was evacuated on 20 August as a result of a bomb threat.

Israel reverted to standard time at midnight, 31 August. Local time is now GMT plus 2 hours.

II. OPERATIONAL

A. Monitorial/Editorial

HEBREW SECTION

Reports of increasing terrorist attacks against Israelis, especially in the territories, and the action and talk about ways to counteract and prevent them were of growing importance to the section's coverage.

The section rescheduled its morning staffing to provide better coverage of the early morning casts, and Jerusalem domestic service was put on continuous background watch.

After a month and a half survey of ITIM, the bureau concluded that the press agency was not sufficiently productive to warrant renewal of the contract.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

STAT Editor [redacted] departed PCS for Headquarters on 4 August.

STAT Technician [redacted] departed on 9 August for home leave. He will return to bureau until January 1986 when he will go PCS to Swaziland.

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Analysis Group contract analyst [redacted] was given a familiarization briefing on bureau operations on 14 August.

A one-time erosion compensation payment of 12% for FBN employees, effective 1 August, was approved.

B. Building and Grounds

1. GSO has informed the Bureau that the Annex elevator may not be repairable. The elevator has been out of service for the past 4 weeks, a critical period in the movement of electronic gear to the new bureau. A new elevator is slated to be installed in about 6 months.

2. The discovery during the month that the PTT plans submitted several months ago had not been circulated to the right offices touched off a concerted effort to coordinate the bureau's various PTT requirements within the PTT authority itself. By month's end, with the assistance of an engineering firm contracted by Azorim to expedite line installations in the new building, we were able to firm up most of our requirements and to get assurances regarding the delivery of certain services in due time. The PTT authority approved the installation of the electronic telephone exchange, and the next step is the actual installation of the lines and instruments within the office.

IV. VISITS

Max Nagler and Cathy Peat of the U.S. Army Contracting Agency, Europe visited the bureau to discuss space in the Migdalor Building. USACAE will shortly be opening a full-time office in Israel to monitor contract compliance by Israeli corporations doing business with the U.S. Army.

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for August 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	189090
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	62300
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	606

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6043.00	10520.00	51.00
	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bavrak Radio in Turkish	5400
Clandestine Bavrak Radio in English	1550
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian	3140
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	1800
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish	3510

CYPRUS	
Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish	0

ISRAEL	
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	60160
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	8450
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	7840
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	1720
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	18950
Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew	5350
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English	280

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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Jerusalem KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew	0	
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English	10500	
Tel Aviv "AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew	2580	
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew	370	
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew	9200	
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew	9810	
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew	0	
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew	1410	
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew	470	
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew	6890	
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew	5280	

SOVIET UNION

Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	0	
Moscow in Dari	2720	

TURKEY

Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	11590	
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish	2690	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English	3160	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French	300	
Istanbul CUMHURRIYET in Turkish	2750	
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish	1080	

UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in English	140	
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ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 189090 (250560)
 TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 62,300 (51,930)
 DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 8,109 (9,758)
 HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 13,820 on 22 August 1985
 LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 2,600 on 24 August 1985

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 14.30 HOURS, 2.8 PERCENT.
 OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 13.30 HOURS, 2.6 PERCENT.
 OUTAGES: 2 August - Local maintainence
 3 August - Tracking machinery for satellite down
 18 August - Problems
 19 August - Problems
 25 August - Work on satellite (scheduled outage)
 26 August - Computer failure
 26 August - Work on satellite (scheduled outage)
 31 August - Signal to satellite lost

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 1540

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.